

Comments: ENERGY TAX REFORM WORKING GROUP

Our tax dollars can be used much more effectively in other areas than Wind Power. Cost of Construction being extremely high and the fact that they only produce 25% capacity or 500 Kilowatts in a time period of a year is a waste of money.

Not only is this unfair to the American taxpayer to use our tax dollars in this manner but the effects on local environment where they are erected.

In our area our Water Supply is of Great Concern. We use Spring Water to supply water for 5 Households. We are Not on a County Water System. The soil on top of mountain ridges is thin and has a high percentage of organic matter. This organic matter acts like a sponge that holds water and slowly releases it into rock fissures. These fissures are conduits for water to reach underground aquifers that feed our wells, springs, and rivers. Removing the organic matter from our ridge tops diminishes water supply to underground aquifers because of increased surface run-off. When the Mountain Rock is Blasted to install their roads to access and pads are prepared for towers and Substations our Water Supply will be drastically effected. Not only will this affect the water but the likely hood of Structure damage to homes caused by the disturbance of the Natural formation of the Mountain. There are now Many caves on the mountain.

Commercial wind projects on forested mountain ridges causes forest fragmentation and extensive loss of forest interior habitat. Interior forest is defined as habitat that is more than 100 meters from a clearing. For decades, professional foresters have been preaching the ills of forest fragmentation. It destroys deep woods habitat and interferes with wildlife corridors. The Bald Eagles, Birds, Deer and other wildlife will cease to be as nature intended.

Noise and vibration from towers in a rural area that our family chose for our home in 1943 for Peace and Quiet and enjoyment of nature will be no more. Strobe lights day and night, visual intrusion and distraction, Shadow flecker are all problems that Wind projects create. Their solution is to cover your windows!! When you choose to live in a rural area you Do Not intend to block out your view of your surroundings!!

Fires caused by malfunction of tower motors and/or lightening are a danger to forests and residences in the area.

Research proves decrease in property values, loss of tourism, loss of open land and taxes and fees consumers must pay to subsidize the Wind industry.

We respectfully request that these Tax Credits for Wind Power be ***ELIMINATED***. Do Not continue to contribute to a few Investors of these projects and hurt and destroy the lives of Many American citizens. Electric Customers, Taxpayers and local citizens are the Big Losers!!

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